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Applicant: Kuhl et al.  
Title: DEPTH MEASUREMENT AND DEPTH CONTROL  
OR AUTOMATIC DEPTH CONTROL FOR A  
HOLLOW TO BE PRODUCED BY A LASER  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF NOTIFICATION OF  
ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371**

Attached is a copy of the Notification of Acceptance of Application  
received from the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application  
for which issuance of a corrected Notification of Acceptance is respectfully  
requested.

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1) The International Application Filing Date on the attached Notification of Acceptance of Application is listed incorrectly as being "30 SEP 99" rather than "30 SEP 98".

2) Applicants submitted a copy of the English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report and Annexes as filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 12, 2001. A copy of the date-stamped postcard is enclosed.

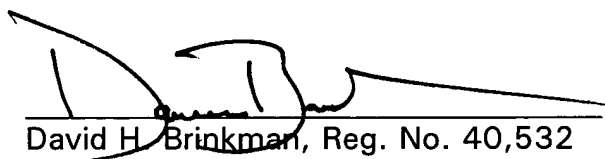
3) The Notification of Acceptance correctly identifies the date of receipt of the application as March 29, 2001. However, the Notification of Acceptance incorrectly identifies the date of receipt of the Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application as March 30, 2001 rather than the correct date of March 29, 2001. This issue was resolved by the Decision of the Office of PCT Legal Administration (see attached) and appropriate correction is requested.

We request correction of the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §371 to correct the above-noted errors.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371  
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above-identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

05 SEP 2001	05 SEP 2001
DATE OF RECEIPT OF	DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL
35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above-identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 29 MAR 2001 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
- ☒ Copy of the international application.
- ☒ Translation of the international application into English.
- ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s).
- ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ not been entered.

☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☐ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

☐ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

The Annexes ☐ have ☐ not been entered.

☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 30-MAR-2001 and 29 MAR 2001

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed 30-MAR-2001 and 29 MAR 2001

☒ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Indication of Small Entity Status.

☐ Priority Document.

☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

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